

Spring Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Welcome back, I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are ready for a new term.

Communication

All school information will be shared with parents / carers via the following methods:

- The new 'My Child at School (MCAS)' communication app (Please speak to the office if you are not set up on this). **All communications (texts, emails, notifications) will be sent via this app.**
- A monthly Head Teacher's newsletter (via MCAS).
- Termly class newsletter (via MCAS).
- **School Dates for Diary can be found within the calendar on our website.**
- Facebook page.

Key Information

Classroom doors open at 8:40am – the school bell will ring to signal this. **At 8.45am**, a second bell will ring to signal the start of the school day and the class teachers will close the classroom door. In line with policy, pupils who arrive after this time must enter via the School Office accompanied by a parent / carer. Children who arrive after 9.30am will be marked as unauthorised absence. This counts towards the 10 unauthorised sessions that can result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

All children should come to school with:

- **A labelled water bottle**
- **Wildlife kits in a named bag** (only waterproofs and wellies needed. You may also send in extra warm clothes for layers during the colder months. Children will go into the wildlife area in their uniform and will put waterproofs on over the top of their uniform and wear wellies when necessary)
- **A healthy snack for morning playtime.**
- **On Tuesdays, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. A full PE kit is black shorts / black tracksuit, red t-shirt and black trainers.**
- Children are also expected to wear full school uniform and school shoes every day.

Start and End of Day

- Please could you ensure that children are not riding their bicycles or scooters on the playground before or after school and that they do not go on the climbing frames. Many thanks for your help.

Our Curriculum learning this term

English	Maths
In English, we will be finishing writing our stories based on the 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will also be writing a non- chronological report on Ancient Greece and a diary entry based on the book 'You think you've got it bad- A kids life in Ancient Greece. We will also be writing instructions and letters of complain based on the book, 'Mr Bunny's chocolate factory'.	In Maths, we will be learning about perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes, how to solve fraction problems. Additionally, we will explore decimal numbers and convert between measurements.
Science	Computing
In Science we will be learning all about: • States of matter • Animals including Humans	In Computing we will be learning about: • Computer Science • How to use repeats and detects errors
History	Geography
In History we will be learning all about Ancient Greece and the impacts of this time period.	In Geography we will be learning all about: • Using longitude and latitude • What a biome is • The Water cycle

RE / PSHE		Art & DT			
In RE we will be learning about: Christianity In JIGSAW we will be learning about: • Dreams and goals • Healthy me		In Art we will learn to: • Create a collage • Use pastels In DT we will be learning about: • create structures and make Easter baskets			
Music		PE			
In Music we will be learning to: • Different instrumental families • Composing rhythmic patterns		In PE we will be learning to: • Take part in Gymnastics lessons • Play cricket			
Year 4 Reading Spine					
Below is a list of books and poems that your child will read and discuss within Year 4:					
Autumn Time by Brenda Williams (Poem) The Great Kapok Tree by Lynn Cherry So you think you’ve got it bad? A kid’s life in Ancient Greece by Chae Strathie I am a seed that grew the tree by Fiona Waters (Poem) The Explorer by Jacqueline Wilson The Land of Roar by Jenny Mclachlan The Hero Twins (Mayan Novel) The Wonder Brothers by Frank Cottrell-Boyce A River by Marc Martin The Magic and Mystery of Trees by RHS Leather Shoe Charlie by Gyeong-hwa Kum		Christmas by Brenda Williams (Poem) The Santa Trap by Johnathan Emmett The Tunnel by Antony Browne The Shadow of a Minotaur by Alan Gibbons Jack Frost in the Garden by Brenda Williams (Poem) I Wonder Why Greeks Built Temples Mr Bunny’s Chocolate Factory by Elys Dolan Spotlights The Ancient Greeks Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White Little People Big Dreams – A variety (Ada Lovelace/ Jane Goodall/ Zaha Hadid			
Events coming up					
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Events calendar – Eatock Primary School					
Thank you					
Homework		Outdoor Education		Y4 Reading and Vocabulary	
SPELLINGS The children will work on a set of spellings each week in class. The spellings will be sent home on a Friday on paper. We will then test the children on these words the following Friday. Please work on your child’s spellings with them as often as possible at home.		Outdoor Education Outdoor education will be every Friday afternoons. All children will need outdoor clothes, waterproofs and wellies. All kit, including wellies, needs to be clearly labelled. This is a very important part of our curriculum at Eatock. We will also be using the outdoors at other		Daily Reading We have a huge focus on reading across school! <u>Please can you ensure that your child reads at home daily.</u> This year, we are continuing with the reading diaries, so please use it to record when your child reads at home. Only a signature or very short comment is	

HOMEWORK

In addition to the daily reading, there will be homework sent home on a Friday. Due to overwhelming feedback from parents, the homework will generally consist of spellings and TT Rock Stars or 'Hit the Button' activities so that the children can work on their times tables skills.

times so the children's outdoor kits need to be in school each day.

PE

PE will be on a **Tuesday afternoon**. All children will need a named PE kit and black trainers.

needed.

If you require a book change, please just let us know or ask your child to let us know (we don't have a set day for changing books). Please could you send the reading diary and book in **each day**. The children are expected to keep a book for several days, so that they have the opportunity to re-read with fluency and expression.

The development of comprehension skills is a very high focus in KS2 and it is very helpful if your child can discuss the book/ answer questions and find out the meanings of new words. The children will also be able to choose another book to share at home. They may not be able to read this independently, but it can be shared with an adult to further encourage a love of reading.

We are also aiming to widen our children's vocabulary as much as possible so please discuss any new words with your child when you are reading with them at home.

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